Bible & Daily Living

A lesson in compassion

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A LESSON IN COMPASSION
Lesson for January 9, 1983
Bible Study Passage: Luke 10:25-37
Introduction

Who is my neighbor? This week's lesson answers this question with a study of Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. We usually think of neighbor as someone who lives next door or across the street. In the country-side your nearest neighbor may be a mile or more away.

Mileage is not the determining factor of who our neighbors are. Can you envision a neighbor on the other side of the globe? Probably not.

According to Jesus, however, anyone can be our neighbor when they are suffering and in need. We do not have to know someone personally in order to claim them as neighbors; we only need to know if they are hurting.

To show compassion for a neighbor is not seasonal, that is, not something we do simply at Christmastime. If we follow the spirit of Jesus in the Good Samaritan parable, we will be willing neighbors to anyone at anytime. The only condition of neighborliness is need.

In many ways it is better to give than to receive. To show compassion is to both bless and be blessed.

A Tempting Question [Luke 10:25-29]

In this passage a lawyer tempts Jesus concerning the finer points of the Mosaic law. "What must I do to inherit this eternal life you are talking about?" The lawyer partially answered his own question, that is, he was a devoted Jew who sought to live out the letter of the law. We can't fault the lawyer for this, and neither did Jesus.

Salvation, we believe, does not come by following the law. Salvation is a gift of faith in him who accepts us into the Kingdom. In response to the love and forgiveness of God in Christ, we then set out to demonstrate the "new creature" within us.

Jesus responds to the lawyer's question with a question. Jesus was not being evasive or using trickery in his response. He was challenging the lawyer to a new dimension of kingdom-living. When the lawyer talks about loving his neighbor, he implies the traditional view of loving those of one's own race.

In telling the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus broadens the lawyer's horizon by helping him see that showing compassion has no social, cultural or religious barriers.

A Compassionate Life Style [Luke 10:30-35]

Jesus was very good at story telling. The parable of the Good Samaritan is not simply a good story, however. It probably reflects an actual experience that Jesus had or observed. This parable is, perhaps, one of the best known parables that Jesus told. It captures our conscience and our heart. It challenges our complacency and condemns our hardness of heart.

Caring for others is not a matter of following the law. Rather, it is a matter of living out the spirit of Christ in and through us. To show compassion does not earn us anything but a sense of joy. To show compassion is to become Christ to someone. In a real sense we are called upon to be "little Christs" to people in need.

The one of two times I was in the hospital is very memorable to me. I had gotten sick during the night. An orderly came, and the first thing he did was to clean me up. Then he changed my bed and then the floor. That man was Jesus to me!

Being A Neighbor [Luke 10:36-37]

Being a neighbor brings great blessing. We tend to think we are more blessed than the one to whom we've shown compassion. We must take care, however, that we do not act neighborly in order to feel good about ourselves. We show compassion in obedience to Christ who bids us to follow after him in discipleship.

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The Senior Choir will be in charge of the music.

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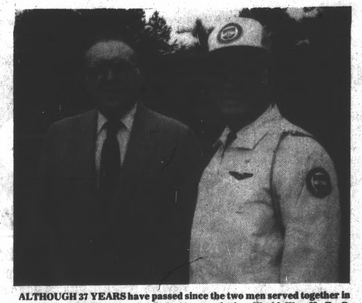

ALTHOUGH 37 YEARS have passed since the two men served together in the 439th Troop Carrier Outfit in France during World War II, R. C. Moore, Jr., right, who was then a Glider Pilot and Dr. A. W. Anneski, left, who was then a Glider Mechanic, enjoyed a recent reunion. Moore, retired from General Motors, lives in Appomatox. Anneski is a practicing optiometrist in Pulaski. The meeting came about after Anneski saw Moore's picture in the TIMES-VIRGINIAN. After corresponding, both men learned that they had served in the same outfit. The Anneski's plan to retire to the Appomattox area in the not too distant future.

More blood needed

The visit of the bloodmobile to Appomattox on Dec. 30 was not as successful as we had hoped.

The need is so great and we felt most people knew this and would make an effort to give if they were qualified donors. We had only 118 donors to register and with 8 deferred collected 110 units. Our goal was 150. This means we have fallen short on the last two visits so please, if you think you can donate blood, come out on our next visit February 28.

We did have 8 first-time donors for which we are so thankful. They are Anthony T. Williams, Ellsworth J. Carter, Denton A. Everton, James R. Moore, Raleigh K. Worley, Brian G. Smith, Sue P. Waddell, and Karen Fitzgerald.

Nine donors received pins as follows: John W. Canada, 8-gallon pin; and next for a four-gallon pin was none other than Alice Martin (You see I give blood too, I don't just ask others); Two gallon pins went to Ruth Barbara Goin, Jon B. Montgomery, John Paul Franklin, and Charlene R. Lawson. Those who received one-gallon pins were Rita A. Goin, Shirley L. Kress and Zandra C. Elder.

We wish to thank the Memorial United Methodist U.M.W. for doing such a great job serving the canteen on this visit. They served homemade cookies which were enjoyed by all and I enjoyed meeting some of the members that helped. The cheese and crackers were donated by Wilburs, juice and cups, napkins, etc. by Foodworld and Pepsi Cola donated the pepsi. Ice was donated by Travelers Inn Motel. Thanks to all of you the bloodmobile visit was made possible.

Our next visit on Feb. 28, we hope to collect 110 units of blood. Please do your share. It is so easy and you will really feel good knowing you have saved a life or given better health to someone.

Sincerely,
Alice C. Martin, chm.

Mt. Pleasant

"O God Thy has taught me from Thy youth: and hitherto I have declared Thy wonderous works." Psalms 71C, 17V.

There was a nice turnout at Sunday School. We had a couple of visitors. The school session was wonderful. We organized, so don't forget your post. We miss our pastor and his wife.

Bible study will be conducted Wednesday night from 7 to 8. Let's start this year off right.

The presidents of the pastor's Aid and Ladies Aid Clubs are asking all members to be present this Saturday at 2:30 and 4 p.m. to take care of some very important business. Deacon and Mrs. Ross Edward will be placed.

Assembly will meet

The Appomattox Assembly will hold its regular meeting in the AMS Annex on Thursday, Jan. 6, at 7 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

The agenda will include: Christmas candy sales report, plans for county -wide talent show, highway improvement.

Our faithful member Mrs. Annie Mae Humbles is traveling to Baltimore to visit her sick aunt. The Assembly's prayers are with them.

Deaths

Mary Jordan Jones

GLADSTONE - Mary Jordan Jones, Route 1, Gladstone, died Thursday, Dec. 30, at her home.

Born in Nelson County, she was the daughter of the late Fannie Moon Jordan and Henry Clay Jordan. She was a member of Mineral Springs Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Willie T. Jones; two sons, Henry F. Jones, Gladstone, and J. Mundy Jones, Appomattox; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. from Mineral Springs Baptist Church, with interment in the church cemetery.

Driskill Funeral Chapel, Amherst, was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Virginia Humbles Pennix

Mrs. Virginia Humbles Pennix of Route 4, Box 106, Appomattox, departed this life Thursday, Dec. 30, in Appomattox. Her husband is Theodore R. Pennix.

Born in Appomattox County, she was the daughter of the late John and Mary Trent Humbles and a member of Mount Airy Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Theodore Pennix Jr. and James Pennix, both of Appomattox; one daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Lambert of Appomattox; four brothrs, Jobe Humbles of Appomattox, John Humbles of Lynchburg, George Humbles of Washington, D.C., and Edward Humbles of Beckley, W. Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Fleshman of Appomattox and Mrs. Annie Swain of Mount Vernon, N.Y., and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 3 p.m. from Mount Airy Baptist Church, Appomattox County, with Dr. Henry W. Pryor officiating. Interment was in the Humbles family cemetery.

Community Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Annie Laurie Sears

Mrs. Annie Laurie Marshall Sears, 81, of Oakleigh Ave., died Sunday morning, January 2, in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Eugene Matthews Sears. Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of the late John Baxter Marshall and Mary Sears Marshall. She was a member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church.

She is survived by a brother, J. K. Marshall, and two sisters, Mrs. F. M. Gay and Miss Bessie E. Marshall, all of Appomattox.

Memorial services were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Robinson Funeral Home with interment in Walkers Presbyterian Church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Howard Thomas Williams, Sr.

PAMPLIN - Howard Thomas Williams, Sr., 88, died at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, in Lynchburg. He was the husband of Carrie Meadows Williams.

Born in Pamplin, he was a son of the late Emmett F. Williams and Martha Mullens Williams. He was a member of Pamplin United Methodist Church and was a retired merchant and owner of Williams Hardware and Grocery.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Howard and Carolyn Williams of Pamplin; a daughter, Mrs. Joan W. Jurney of Danville; a son and daughter-in-law, Emmett Bruce and Susan Williams of Pamplin; a son, Randolph Kent Williams of Rustburg; five grandchildren; one brother, Woodrow W. Williams of Pamplin, and two sisters, Jane W. Wingfield and Edith W. Southern, both of Pamplin.

Graveside funeral services were held Friday at 2 p.m. at Pamplin Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox, was in charge of arrangements.

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Pearson, Lawson are wed

Mrs. Steven Edward Lawson
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The marriage of Miss Mary Laura Pearson to Mr. Steven Edward Lawson was an event of Saturday, January 1 at four o'clock in the afternoon in the Memorial United Methodist Church.

The Reverend P. Edward Leonard, Jr., pastor of the church, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Pearson of Lynchburg.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Merle Lawson and Dr. S.R. Lawson, both of Appomattox.

The bride, escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents, wore a formal gown of satin. Designed with a fitted bodice which was enhanced with lace and tiny seed pearls, the dress featured long fitted sleeves with lace and seed pearls. The full skirt which ended in a train was edged in the same lace. Her mantilla veil of illusion was accented with lace. She carried a cascading bouquet of roses and pom poms.

Mrs. John L. Dockery, sister of the bride, of Knoxville, tennessee, was matron of honor. She wore a floor length gown of heather and carried a bouquet of pom poms and heather.

Bridesmaids were Beth Reynolds, sister of the groom of Appomattox, Susan Campbell of Lynchburg and Manette Ginsburg of Knoxville, Tennessee.

They wore gowns identical to that of the honor attendant and carried similar bouquets.

Dr. Lawson was best man for his son. Ushers were Frederick M. Luck, cousin of the groom of Richmond, Robert E. Luck, cousin of the groom of Appomattox, and John P. Pearson, III, brother of the bride of Lynchburg.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The groom is a graduate of the University of Richmond.

The couple will reside in Lynchburg.

Lively, Witt to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lively of Concord proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Eve, of Lynchburg, to Ronald Wayne Witt, son of Jack Witt and the late Gloria B. Witt, all of Bedford.

Miss Lively, a graduate of Appomattox County High School and Lynchburg General-Marshall Lodge Hospital's School of Professional Nursing, is presently employed by Westminster Canterbury in Lynchburg.

Mr. Witt, a graduate of Liberty High School, is serving in the U. S. Marine Corps and is presently stationed at Cherry Point, N.C.

The wedding is planned for April 2, 1983 at Fairview Christian Church at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Karen Lively and Ronald W. Witt

Austins blessed with girl

Mr. and Mrs. William B. (Billy) Austin, Jr. proudly announce the arrival of their daughter, Adrain Leigh. She is 19 inches long and weighs six pounds and eight ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. Wayne Jones of Red House. Her maternal great grandmother is Mrs. Lula M. Taylor of Gladys.

Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Paul F. Dooley of Lynchburg and Mr. William B. Austin, Sr. of Appomattox. Her paternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. Garland Austin of Appomattox.

For automobile travel

Child-safety law starts

Virginia's new Child Safety Seat Law which became effective January 1 can help reduce deaths and serious injuries for children under four involved in traffic crashes by 80 percent according to the Virginia Department of Transportation Safety (VDTS).

Fifteen children four and under were killed in traffic crashes in 1981 and 1,671 were injured.

The new law requires children under four, with few exceptions, to be properly secured in child safety seats in Virginia vehicles driven by their parents or legal guardians.

John T. Hanna, VDTS director, suggests several factors to be considered in purchasing a child safety seat.

"It is very important to determine your specific needs and then carefully evaluate the various types of seats available," he said. "Choose a seat in which your child will be most comfortable, that you can anchor correctly in your vehicle (s) and that you are willing to use every time you travel."

Before a seat is purchased, it should be placed in the vehicle in which it will be used and the child should be placed in the seat, Hanna said. "If the child does not like the seat, if it does not fit the vehicle properly or if it's so complicated you won't want to use it every time, then another seat should be selected."

Child safety seats are available at a wide range of stores including department and discount stores, baby and juvenile products shops, specialty stores and car dealers. The average cost is $40 to $50.

To conform to the new law, child safety seats must be on the approved list of the Virginia State Police. Local State Police offices have copies of the list.

Hanna cautioned potential buyers of second-hand seats to make certain they are approved, that all equipment (including anchors) has been included and that operating and installation instructions come with the seat. "If a child is not properly secured in the safety seat, it can be almost as bad as not using one," Hanna said.

The new law makes provisions for people financially unable to buy child safety seats. VDTS has set up a loan program using Medicaid and federal poverty guidelines. The seats remain on loan until the child reaches the age of four. Applications for these seats are available from VDTS Z(804) 276-9600, its area coordinators, local sheriffs or Division of Motor Vehicles offices.

In addition, many hospitals, civic groups and other organizations throughout the state have established loan programs.

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Personal Notes

Misses Phyllis Anne and Pam Thompson have returned to New York City after spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Phyllis G. Thompson.

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Mrs. Bessye G. Thompson, Mrs. Dorothy T. Onley and Andy, all of Virginia Beach, also visited in the same home.

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Jack Martin is a patient in the Lynchburg General Hospital where he is receiving treatment.

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Zolene Harden is a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

At ACHS

Grants, aid session set for seniors, parents

The Guidance Department of Appomattox County High School is pleased to announce that a Financial Aid Workshop for College-bound Seniors and Parents will be held on Thursday, January 6 at 10 a.m. in the Appomattox County High school auditorium. Mr. Hugh Scrogham, Financial Aid Director at Lynchburg College, and his staff will present the program.

This is an excellent opportunity for both students and parents to learn of financial aid opportunities and how to apply for all sources of aid.

Mrs. Joyce Jamerson, Guidance Counselor at ACHS may be contacted for additional information (352-7146).

Miss Bollinger to wed

Robin Bollinger
Photo by Allen Austin

Mr. and Mrs. James V. Herman of Pell City, Alabama and Mr. and Mrs. James N. Bollinger of Evergreen are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Lynell Bollinger, to Mr. Ronald Lee Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Harvey, also of Evergreen.

Miss Bollinger is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is presently employed by Dr. Larry F. Smith.

Mr. Harvey, also a graduate of Appomattox County High School, is employed with Ranson Electric Inc.

The wedding will be an event of April 2, 1983 at Evergreen United Methodist Church. Although no invitations will be sent, all friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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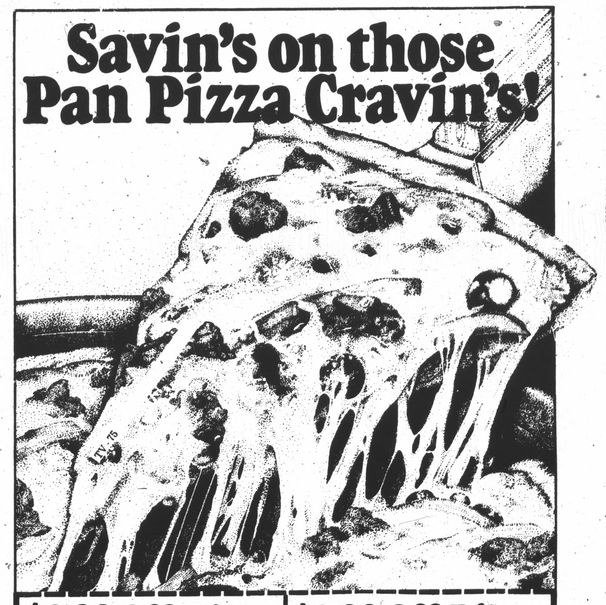

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